

## GOVERNMENT TO OFFER SURPLUS WHEAT TO MILLS

Grain Corporation Will Try to Forestall Increase in Flour Prices by Resale of Its Stock.

New York, March 7.—The United States food administration grain corporation announced tonight that on March 15 it will begin sale of its surplus wheat holdings in American milling centers in an effort to prevent an increase in flour prices. Julius H. Barnes, president of the corporation, said the Department of Agriculture report, issued today, indicated that "contrary to public opinion the crop of 1918 will provide no more than sufficient to meet our home needs and the foreign requirements falling upon us," and added that already mills were experiencing such difficulty in obtaining wheat for milling that they were offering as high as 10 to 15 cents a bushel above the government's guaranteed prices to the farmers.

"The grain corporation," he said, "by using part of its accumulated stock for resale in the United States hopes to relieve the public from any material advance in the price of flour."

During 1917-1918, Mr. Barnes pointed out, the price of flour was stabilized by agreement of millers with the food administration, but this agreement no longer is in force and only government sale of an adequate supply of wheat to the millers would prevent an increase in flour prices, he said. This, he added, was in direct contradiction of "the general belief that only the purchases by the government of wheat at the guaranteed price maintained the price level for the farmers."

The government wheat, Mr. Barnes said, will be offered for sale on and after March 15 at such milling centers as St. Louis, Kansas City, Chicago and St. Paul on the basis of cost plus accumulated charges.

## Waits Years for Return of Wanderer; Divorced

Los Angeles, Cal.—Warned by her husband that the "wanderlust" had got him, Mrs. Evelyn E. Preston waited seven years for the return of William K. Preston before she went into court here and secured a divorce on the grounds of desertion.

To Judge York, who granted the decree, Mrs. Preston said there had been no quarrel and that in Seattle the day her husband dropped from sight he penned this note:

"Dear Evelyn: I have no reason, except my inability to be tied down, The 'wanderlust' got me. I regret spoiling your happiness."

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## M'LAUGHLIN OF NEBRASKA LANDS ON COMMITTEE

(Continued from Page One.)

Judge Kinkaid Friday night sent telegrams to Jefferson and Evans, asking if they had any preference for second or third choice committee places expressing himself in set terms to get the best assignments possible for his new colleagues in the 66th congress.

It is understood an effort will be made to land Representative Andrews on expenditures in the Treasury department, which will give him an opportunity to develop the legislation he has in mind with reference to certain features of treasury accounting.

Moore Eliminated  
Congressman J. Hampton Moore of Pennsylvania eliminated himself from the race for republican leadership in the next house, Friday afternoon, leaving the field practically open to Congressman Mondell of Wyoming.

"While it is reasonably certain that the votes are available to nominate me for republican leadership," he said, "I have decided not to be a candidate, first, because it would necessitate my retirement from the committee on ways and means. This would mean that Pennsylvania would have no representation thereon. Second, because it may help to relieve the leadership situation in both houses as it relates, fairly or unfairly, to Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. Third, because the unity of republicans is essential to our success in dealing with the great problems that confront the new congress."

Committee Members.  
Republican membership of the committees completed today follows:

Ways and Means, new members: Copley, Illinois; Young, North Dakota; Connecticut; Mott, New York; Frear, Wisconsin; Buchanan, New Jersey; Bowers, West Virginia; Hadley, Washington; Tamm, Nebraska; Clegg, Ohio; Cramer, New York; Fordney, Michigan; Moore, Pennsylvania; French, Idaho; McGee, Oregon; Hawley, Oregon; and Treadway, Massachusetts.  
National Defense, new members: Cramer, Michigan; French, Idaho; McGee, Oregon; Hawley, Oregon; and Treadway, Massachusetts.

Interstate and foreign commerce, new members: Doolittle, Minnesota; Illinois; Minnesota; Merritt, Connecticut; Sanders, Indiana; Watson, Pennsylvania; and Webster, Washington. Holdovers: Hamilton, Michigan; Winslow, Massachusetts; Parker, New York; Sweet, Iowa; Stinson, Rhode Island; and Cooper, Ohio.  
Agriculture, new members: Jones, Pennsylvania; McLaughlin, Nebraska; Doolittle, Minnesota; Montana; Wright, Wisconsin; Republican holdovers: Chairman Hansen, Iowa; McLaughlin, Michigan; Anderson, Minnesota; Wilson, Illinois; Ward, New York; McKinley, Illinois; Wason, New Hampshire; and Hutchinson, New Jersey.  
Military, new members: Fuller, Massachusetts; James, Michigan; Kearns, Ohio; Miller, Washington; and Lusk, New York. Republican holdovers: Chairman Kahn, California; Anthony, Kansas; McKusick, Illinois; Greene, Vermont; Morris, Pennsylvania; Crego, Pennsylvania; Hull, Iowa.

Judiciary, new members: Boies, Iowa; Christopherson, South Dakota; Clamon, Wisconsin; Curtis, Michigan; Goodknight, West Virginia; Yates, Illinois; Hunted, New York. Republican holdovers: Chairman Volstead, Michigan; Morgan, Oklahoma; Graham, Pennsylvania; Dyer, Missouri; Walsh, Massachusetts; Reeves, Nebraska.  
Representative Green of Iowa, one of the strong members on the ways and means committee in refuting the assertion that the country will suffer because congress failed to pass appropriation bills, said today:

"There is no reason why any branch of the government should suffer because of the failure of the yearly supply bills to pay congress by the 4th of March. What has happened has only been the usual occurrence for the last six years. In fact, during this period, there have been many occasions when several of them were not passed until after July 1, and some of the departments were only kept in operation by what is called a 'continuing resolution,' which enabled them to use money at the same rate as the previous year until the annual appropriation bills were passed.

Saving of Half Billion.  
"It may not be generally understood that the great appropriation bills which are expected to provide for all the expenses of the government do not go into force until July 1. Last year's appropriation bills not only cover all expenses but include all money that can be spent up to that date, unless there is a deficiency to be made up. If congress is convened at any reasonable date, these appropriation bills will not only pass before any of the money can be used but in much better form."

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ter form. If sufficient time is given to revise them, in my opinion, not less than \$500,000 could be saved the country by proper trimming on the army and navy bills alone.

"So far as military or naval expenditures are concerned it is simply ridiculous to claim there will be any shortage. In fact the danger is that these departments will expend too much owing to the failure to require the return to the treasury of the money unnecessarily allowed them in the deficiency bill that failed there was \$875,000,000 in one item ordered canceled, being excess appropriations for the quartermaster's corps, which until peace is officially proclaimed, can be transferred under a special provision and used for any military purpose, as for example the return of our troops or any needed supplies. The only alarming feature of the situation is that if congress is not soon convened, the War and Navy departments will have immense sums which they can spend but it is to be hoped will not.

Provide for Railroads.  
"The railroads also can be easily taken care of. The war finance corporation has on hand over \$350,000,000 which could be used for that purpose. The greater part of the loans it has heretofore made are to the railroads. It would seem that the railroads even under government management ought not to require more than this amount of aid in a few months, and my own opinion is that they have no use for half that amount above what will be received from the earnings; but there is great anxiety here in Washington to get a lid of money and to spend it."

"Congress got along very well while the president was absent in France before and proceeded with its work. I know of no reason why it cannot work during his absence again if permitted."

## FEELING BITTER AGAINST ALLIES IN VLADIVOSTOK

Siberian Seaport Thrown Into Commotion by Arrest and Deportation of Six Non-Bolshevik Officials.

Washington, March 7.—Vladivostok has been thrown into a commotion by the arrest and deportation of six non-bolshevik municipal officials by Gen. Ivanoff Rinoff, commander of the Vladivostok military district under the Omsk Siberian government.

Official advices today reporting the incident said there was strong feeling among the people of the city against the allies because the seizure of the officials was permitted. Representatives of the allies notified their respective governments and asked for instructions.

It was intimated in official quarters here that the allies and the United States would warn Admiral Kolchak, director of the Omsk government, that General Rinoff must be restrained from interfering with the Vladivostok local authorities.

Situation Peculiar.  
A peculiar situation exists at Vladivostok. Months ago elections resulted in the setting up of a soviet municipal government, although the city is within the vast stretch of territory under the sway of the Omsk-All-Russian regime. The city is policed by Omsk soldiery without regard to the local authorities and the whole situation actually is controlled by the allied and American warships in the harbor.

First reports of the action of General Rinoff indicates that it followed agitation instigated by Generals Hovarth and Semionoff, Siberian military commanders, who are none too friendly to Kolchak. It developed later, however, that the men deported were alleged to have been implicated in a general plot against the Omsk authorities. They are said to have been sent to Harbin.

## Sentenced for 99 Years for Assaulting Girl in Home

Dallas, Tex., March 7.—Rev. Francis C. Berry, chaplain of the St. Matthews home for children, was sentenced to 99 years in the penitentiary here today for an alleged attack on one of the inmates of the home. Defense counsel announced a motion for new trial would be filed tomorrow. Berry is 65 years old.

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## FORMER SOLDIER INJURED WHEN CAR TURNS OVER

Auto Upsets at Railroad Avenue and Drexel Street; Two Occupants Not Injured.

Ole Mortensen, 3021 U street, recently discharged from the army, was probably fatally injured at 2:50 o'clock Thursday afternoon when the Ford sedan which he was operating skidded and overturned at Railroad avenue and Drexel street. After a medical officer, stationed at Fort Crook, administered first aid treatment to the injured man he was rushed to the South Omaha hospital. Dr. Young, the attending surgeon said the man was suffering from concussion of the brain.

In the car with Mortensen at the time of the accident were Frank Bilek, 2118 U street and J. Sage, 2570 Leavenworth street. Neither suffered injuries beyond slight scratches. The two men stated that Mortensen swung his car to the left and on the wrong side of the street trying to pass another automobile.

The rear wheels of the machine caught in the car tracks as Mortensen was attempting to bring the car to the right side of the street and the sudden swerve caused the release of the rear wheels and sent the machine into the curb where it overturned.

Bilek and Sage say they were traveling at a slow rate of speed. This is denied by other witnesses, who say the car was going from 25 to 30 miles an hour.

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## DRY ISSUE MAY COME TO VOTE IN NEBRASKA

Expect Liquor Interests to Start Referendum in This State for Action on Prohibition.

Considerable interest is being expressed over the prospect of the national liquor interests starting a referendum, to submit to a general vote the proposition of ratifying or rejecting the legislative action on the prohibitory amendment to the federal constitution.

Announcement has been made by the National Association of Distillers and Wholesale Liquor Dealers, that they have selected the following states where they expect to invoke the referendum in an effort to head off the operation of national prohibition: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

California in Van.

A state organization has been set in motion in California where referendum petitions will be started on Saturday of this week. It is expected that 75,000 signatures will be obtained in San Francisco. In that state it will be necessary to obtain 5 per cent of the vote for governor at the last election.

Those who are engineering this project from headquarters in Cincinnati have expressed the belief that they will be able to carry 13 out of the 14 states mentioned and thus gain their objective.

No Definite Plans.  
No definite plans have been made in Nebraska, but there are sufficient indications to warrant the belief that the referendum will be invoked. It would be necessary to obtain approximately 30,000 signatures to petitions in this state, to bring the matter properly before the secretary of state, whose duty it then would be to call a general referendum election, if no legal obstacle should stand in the way.

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